

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of attaching a vehicle accessory such as a running board to a vehicle for assisting in entry and exit from the vehicle as well as protecting the body of the vehicle is disclosed, comprising an accessory such as molded running board and/or substructure with a plurality of receiving zones for receiving the mounting arm brackets, and further comprising a means of securing the accessory to the bracket by means of deflectable locking tab and aperture configuration. The securing means of the present invention requires no additional hardware for its attachment, thereby simplifying the mounting procedure, reducing manufacturing costs, while providing a strong, secure mount.